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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE  
THE LAST OF THE MATERIAL GOM AGREED TO PROVIDE. FOL-  
LOWING IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF MATERIAL.

(A) TEN-PAGE DOCUMENT TITLED "COMMENTS ON SOME TECHNICAL  
ASPECTS OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY NORML AGAINST STATE,  
AID, DEA, AND AGRICULTURE". (NOTE: TRANSLATION OF THIS  
DOCUMENT TRANSMITTED IN MEXICO 06364.)

(B) "ANNEX A" TO ABOVE COMMENTS, A LETTER DATED 22 AUG  
1977 TO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
OFFICE FROM DIRECTORATE OF PLANT HEALTH OF THE  
SECRETARIAT OF AGRICULTURE. LETTER RECOMMENDS USE OF  
PARAQUAT IN NARCOTICS PROGRAM AND SUGGESTS THAT 2-4-D  
NOT BE USED.

(C) "ANNEX B" TO ABOVE COMMENTS, SEVEN PAGES OF MANU-  
FACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS ON USE OF PARAQUAT.

(D) "ANNEX C" TO ABOVE COMMENTS, A LIST DATED NOVEMBER  
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1976 OF HERBICIDES APPROVED FOR USE IN MEXICO.

(E) "ANNEX D" TO ABOVE COMMENTS, A 16-PAGE DOCUMENT IN  
SPANISH DATED FEBRUARY 1973 ON USE OF PARAQUAT TO CON-  
TROL WEEDS WITHOUT CAUSING TOXIC RESIDUES IN SOIL.

(F) "ANNEX E" TO ABOVE COMMENTS, A SIX-PAGE MEMORANDUM  
DATED 29 MARCH 1978 TO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S EXECUTIVE

OFFICER FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISER OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S NARCOTICS CONTROL UNIT CONCLUDING THAT: (1) HERBICIDE USE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PROGRAM; (2) HELICOPTER APPLICATION IS NECESSARY; (3) PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF SPRAYED MARIJUANA ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF UNSPRAYED MARIJUANA; AND (4) PARAQUAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR USE AGAINST MARIJUANA. THIS ANNEX INCLUDES SERIES OF SUB-ANNEXES INCLUDING: (1) LETTER DATED 1 FEBRUARY 1977 FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES TO SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE REQUESTING TECHNICAL ADVICE ON USE OF HERBICIDES IN NARCOTICS PROGRAM; (2) LETTER DATED 5 AUGUST 1977 FROM SECOND DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PLANT HEALTH WITH SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON USE OF HERBICIDES IN VARIOUS MEXICAN STATES; (3) REPLY DATED 10 AUGUST 1977 FROM DIRECTORATE OF PLANT HEALTH; AND (4) LETTER DATED 22 AUGUST 1977 FROM DIRECTORATE OF PLANT HEALTH RECOMMENDING PARAQUAT. (NOTE: LAST SUB-ANNEX IS IDENTICAL TO "ANNEX A".)

(G) "ANNEX F" TO ABOVE COMMENTS, A FOUR-PAGE TECHNICAL PAPER ON THE INACTIVATION AND DEGRADATION OF PARAQUAT IN THE SOIL.

(H) "ANNEX G" TO ABOVE COMMENTS, A LETTER FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHIEF OF MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSMITTING CLINICAL, LABORATORY AND X-RAY EXAMINATIONS OF 27 ATTORNEY UNCLASSIFIED

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GENERAL EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH PARAQUAT. ONLY TWO OF THE 27 EMPLOYEES WERE FOUND TO HAVE ABNORMAL CONDITIONS, AND THE ABNORMALTIES WERE, ACCORDING TO THE DOCTOR, NOT RELATED TO HERBICIDE EXPOSURE. (NOTE: FULL MEDICAL REPORTS WERE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 19 ,AS REPORTED IN MEXICO 6443.)

2. ABOVE MATERIAL BEING HAND-CARRIED TO DEPARTMENT (S/NM) MAY 13 BY FSO LESLIE M. ALEXANDER. THOMPSON

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